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SUBJECT: VISIT OF JIM MORTIMER, CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY,
CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION SERVICE (ACAS)

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1. LABOR ATTACHE HAS INFORMED JIM MORTIMER, CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY, CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION SERVICE (ACAS), THAT THE FMCS INVITATION TO HIM IS STILL ACTIVE AS PER REFTEL.

2. AFTER INVITATION MOVES FORWARD, MORTIMER SAID HE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO ATTEND THE SEPTEMBER 17-18 MEETING OF THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS RESEARCH ASSOCIATION MEETING IN ATLANTIC CITY WITH PAUL YAGER, REGIONAL DIRECTOR. MORTIMER IS TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO ARRIVE IN THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 16 AND TO TRAVEL WITH YAGER TO THE CONFERENCE. AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE CONFERENCE, HE PLANS TO PROCEED TO WASHINGTON AND RETURN TO LONDON ON SEPTEMBER 24.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES A VISIT BY MORTIMER TO THE US WOULD BE VERY PRODUCTIVE. MORTIMER IS HIGHLY REGARDED ON THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SCENE IN THE UK, AND THE ACAS, WHICH HE CHAIRS, IS PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT PEACE-MAKING ROLE IN LABOR-MANAGEMENT AFFAIRS.

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4. EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHE MET WITH LOUIS LEVINE, FORMER

NEW YORK STATE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSIONER, AS SUGGESTED REF-
TEL, AND HAD SOME VERY PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CONVEYING THIS
INFORMATION TO YAGER, AS WELL AS INFORMING US WHEN INVITA-
TION TO MORTIMER IS SENT.

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